

## CEH Changes for 2001

The Maine EMS Continuing Education Hours program was updated effective January 1, 2001. On that date we changed from the categories of EMS Operations, Medical, Trauma, Advanced Airway, Advanced Cardiac, Pharmacology, and Paramedic Skills to the categories of Operations, BLS Topics, BLS Skills, ALS Topics, ALS Skills, and Electives. At the same time the requirement of a skills lab was dropped, although it can be used for an additional 3 years in lieu of certain other categories.

Maine EMS has made every effort possible to make this changeover period as easy as possible, and to make sure that no one is penalized by not being able to use CEH's earned under the current system to relicense under the new system.

For those who relicense beginning in January 2001, CEH's earned under our current system will be converted into the new system as follows:

- ✓ Category 1 - EMS Operations converts to Category 1 - Operations
- ✓ Categories 2 - Medical & 3 - Trauma both convert to Category 2 - BLS Topics
- ✓ Categories 4 - Advanced Airway, 5 - Advanced Cardiac, 6 - Pharmacology, & 7 - Paramedic Skills all convert to Category 4 - ALS Topics.
- ✓ Any hours assigned in each category of the new system that exceed the minimum number of hours required would automatically become Electives.

As you can see from this conversion chart above, there are no hours earned under our current system that will carry into Categories 3 - BLS Skills or 5 - ALS Skills. Likewise, there are no hours required in Categories 3 or 5 for those who will relicense during 2001, 2002, and 2003. During this 3 year period licensees will have the option of completing a Skills Lab or the appropriate number of hours in the skills categories. For a First Responder, Ambulance Attendant, or EMT-Basic that number would be 4 hours in Category 3 - BLS Skills. For an EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Critical Care, or EMT-Paramedic that number would be 2 hours in Category 3 - BLS Skills and 2 hours in Category # 5 - ALS Skills.

During the 2001, 2002, and 2003 licensure years the total number of CEH's required at each licensure level will not change from the current requirements. On January 1, 2004, each licensure level will need an additional 4 hours of CEH's to replace the Skills Lab that will no longer be an option to use towards relicensure. (This doesn't prohibit the Skills Lab type of session, it will simply need to be run as a CEH program.)

Following is a chart showing the required number of CEH's per licensure level by category, effective January 1, 2001, and a second chart showing the same information effective January 1, 2004.

Anytime there is a change in a process there is likely to be some unanticipated problems that develop, but we are confident that we have worked through most of the issues, and will work to solve any uncovered issues in a way that does not penalize the licensee. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Maine EMS office or Regional office staff with any questions you may have.

**MAINE EMS  
CONTINUING EDUCATION HOUR (CEH)  
REQUIREMENTS  
FOR RELICENSURE  
EFFECTIVE 1/1/2001 - 12/31/2003**

LICENSE LEVEL: (and Total Hours Required)	Category 1 <i>Operations</i>	Category 2 <i>BLS Topics</i>	Category 3 <i>BLS Skills</i>	Category 4 <i>ALS Topics</i>	Category 5 <i>ALS Skills</i>	Category 6 <i>Electives</i>
First Responder (22 hours)	N/A	12 Hours	4 Hours <b>OR</b> BLS Skills Lab	N/A	N/A	10 Hours
Ambulance Attendant (28 hours)	6 Hours	12 Hours	4 Hours <b>OR</b> BLS Skills Lab	N/A	N/A	10 Hours
EMT Basic (34 hours)	6 Hours	12 Hours	4 Hours <b>OR</b> BLS Skills Lab	N/A	N/A	16 Hours
EMT Intermediate (42 hours)	6 Hours	12 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	3 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	21 Hours
EMT Critical Care (48 hours)	6 Hours	12 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	3 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	27 Hours
EMT Paramedic (54 hours)	6 Hours	12 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	4 Hours	2 Hours <b>OR</b> ALS Skills Lab	32 Hours

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EFFECTIVE 1/1/2004**

LICENSE LEVEL: (and Total Hours Required)	Category 1 <i>Operations</i>	Category 2 <i>BLS Topics</i>	Category 3 <i>BLS Skills</i>	Category 4 <i>ALS Topics</i>	Category 5 <i>ALS Skills</i>	Category 6 <i>Electives</i>
First Responder (26 hours)	4 Hours	8 Hours	8 Hours	N/A	N/A	6 Hours
Ambulance Attendant (32 hours)	6 Hours	10 Hours	8 Hours	N/A	N/A	8 Hours
EMT Basic (38 hours)	8 Hours	12 Hours	8 Hours	N/A	N/A	10 Hours
EMT Intermediate (46 hours)	8 Hours	6 Hours	4 Hours	16 Hours	4 Hours	8 Hours
EMT Critical Care (52 hours)	8 Hours	7 Hours	4 Hours	18 Hours	6 Hours	9 Hours
EMT Paramedic (58 hours)	8 Hours	8 Hours	4 Hours	20 Hours	8 Hours	10 Hours

